



May 1, 2013

**VIA Email**

The Honorable Robert Perciasepe  
Acting Administrator  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
Ariel Rios Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W  
Mail Code 1101A  
Washington, DC 20460

**Re: Opposition to Extension of comment period for Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment (Docket # EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0189)**

Dear Administrator Perciasepe:

We urge you to retain the announced 30-day public comment period for the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment as announced in the April 30, 2013 Federal Register. The American Sportfishing Association (ASA) has steadfastly supported early publication of the watershed assessment and believes the current 30 day comment period enables EPA to maintain its schedule and commitment to the citizens who are most impacted by the proposed Pebble Mine.

The American Sportfishing Association (ASA) is the sportfishing industry's trade association committed to representing the interests of the entire sportfishing community. We give the industry a unified voice, speaking out on behalf of sportfishing and boating industries, conservation organizations, angler advocacy groups and outdoor journalists when emerging laws and policies could significantly affect sportfishing business or sportfishing itself. ASA invests in long-term ventures to ensure the industry will remain strong and prosperous, as well as safeguard and promote the enduring social, economic and conservation values of sportfishing in America. ASA also gives America's anglers a voice in policy decisions that affect their ability to sustainably fish on our nation's waterways through KeepAmericaFishing™, our one million member angler advocacy campaign.

As an industry and sportfishing community, we believe, as EPA has acknowledged, there has been extensive public comment and scientific peer review of the assessment. Keeping the current schedule is equitable and provides ample opportunity to comment on this critical national issue. We look forward to a final Watershed Assessment as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gordon C. Robertson".

Gordon C. Robertson  
Vice President